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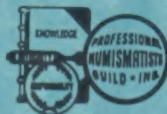
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## \*\*\*\*\*PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE\*\*\*\*\*

As 1973 burst forth upon us with great promises for Numismatics, we are reminiscent of that period some 12 or more years ago when numismatics literally exploded with action. Everything numismatic soared to unbelievable heights, helped along by the promoters and "fast buck" operators who invaded the hobby in hordes to get in the action.

After a period 9 or 10 years, tranquility has existed and serious collecting has again prevailed. But again something is happening. Prices for choice type material, gold, commemoratives, silver dollars and some rolls are beginning to again soar to unbelievable heights. The investors, promoters and sharp operators are again at work and again we will make the same mistakes. Others will be fortunate and will profit.

A vicious cycle?, Perhaps, but is'nt life? However when things again return to stability and tranquility and we can get back to our collecting, we will find we have a new crop serious collectors and students to enrich numismatics.

Now I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and everyone of you a Happy and Prosperous 1973. I also want you to be aware that Des Moines is planning a lively and action filled INA show, October 13th & 14th. Now you'all come, you heah!

Vince Davis, Pres.

Iowa Numismatic Association

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CLUB NEWS AROUND THE STATE.....

WEBSTER CITY, IA.-The December meeting of the coin collectors was held December 6th. This meeting concluded a good year for the club with a very successful show held Oct. 7 & 8. The following officers were elected for 1973. President-Dale Coquelin, Vice Pres-Jerry Wells, Secy-Melford Nicholson, Treas-Roger Woodall and Directors-Lee Wells and Harold Laugerman.

KEOKUK, IA.-The Jan. meeting was held the 25th with the election of officers which I haven't received yet. The next meeting Thurs. Feb. 22nd.

MOLINE, ILL.-The Tri-Cities coin club held its Dec. meeting Dec. 21st with about 50 members and guests present. It has been discussed in having the 1973 coin show in mid or late Sept. More will be discussed at the Feb. meeting which will be held the 15th.

CLARION, IA.-The Clarion coin club held its Jan. meeting the 18th with a fine display of coins for auction, which was provided by collectors from Hawaii, Ackley, Cedar Falls, Dows, Garner, Rockford, and 5 Clarion collectors.

MARION, IA.-The Marion collectors club met with 40 members and guest present. The new 1973 officers are: President-Bill Sperry, Vice Pres.-Delbert Zirtzman, Secy-Treas.-Truman Ramsell. The board of Directors are past President Joy Erdman, Oscar Angstrom and Lowell Nagel.

GRINNELL, IA.-The Grinnell coin club held its meeting in Jan. with election of officers which follows: President-Ed Powell, Vice Pres.-Dennis Anderson, Secy-Gary Gullett and Treas-Barbara Drew. A board of Directors was, for the first time elected to the Grinnell coin club. This consists of four members who had previously held an office and are: Leroy Lindblom, Ed Lincoln, George Fowler and Mike Amman. A note Gary Gullett is the first junior member ever elected to an office in the Grinnell coin club.

CEDAR RAPIDS, IA.-The Cedar Rapids coin club will meet Wed. Feb. 14th They are in a new meeting place, rooms 21 & 22 of the YWCA. There will be the regular quarterly auction along with the business meeting.

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Just a reminder that on Sat, the 24th of Feb, there will be an INA board of Directors meeting at 1:15 at the Mid Iowa Coin-A-Rama. So I urge all board members to attend.

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## COMMING SHOWS AROUND THE STATE:

FEB. 24th & 25th.....MID IOWA COIN A RAMA is at the community building in Boone, Ia. An added feature will be Dan Harley of Hot Springs, Arkansas, who will have on display a Franklin Mint Medal display.

MARCH 11th.....The Cedar Rapids Coin Club will hold their show at the Longbranch Supper Club from 9am to 5pm, with food available. Bourse Chairman is J.R. Maupin, 2533 B Ave. NE Cedar Rapids, Ia. 52402

APRIL 8th.....The Wapsie Coin Club will hold their coin show at the American Legion Hall in Independence, Ia.

APRIL 14th & 15th.....The Forest City Coin Club will hold their annual show at the Civic Auditorium in Forest City on Sat. from 9am to 10pm and Sun. 9am to 5pm. There will be an auction Sat. at 8pm. Food is available all day. General chairman is Martin Nielsen, Forest City, 50436, Bourse chairman, Harry Peters, Kanawha, Ia. 50447 and Exhibit chairman is Eugene Morris, Forest City, Ia. 50436

APRIL 29th.....The Port City Coin Club will hold its annual show at the Y.W.C.A., 309 Sycamore St. Muscatine, Ia. from 9am to 6pm. Bourse tables are restricted to numismatic material only. The bourse chairman, Edmond "Tiny" Metz, 807 Broadway, Muscatine Ia. 52761.

MAY 6th.....The Illowa Coin Club will hold their coin show at the Moose Club on Highway 30 west in Clinton, Iowa. Any information please contact Erven L. Langschwager at 409 4th Ave. N. Clinton, Ia 52732

MAY 12th & 13th.....The Keokuk Coin Club will hold their spring hobby show at the Keosippi Shopping Mall in Keokuk. Dealer tables are \$5.00 for all weekend.

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## I.N.A. 1973 STATE CONVENTION PROGRESS REPORT

The 1973 INA State Convention will be held at the Des Moines Hyatt House 6215 Fleur Drive, Des Moines, Iowa 50321, on October 13th & 14th, 1973. Host club-Des Moines Coin Club. General Chairman is Lowell Owens, Adel, Iowa. Bourse Chairman is Ben Marlenee, 913 Locust, Des Moines, Ia 50309 Mrs. Barbara Drew, Publicity chairman. Exhibit chairman is still tentative at this date, but will publish as soon as available.

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A number of Western U.S. Senators, Curtis of Nebr., Goldwater of Arizona Mansfield of Montana, Dominick of Colorado and Stevens of Alaska have introduced a bill to the U.S. Senate to allow public ownership of gold. Gold has been one of the things that controls are placed on. There controls have resulted in many inconveniences to the coin collectors and investor. An introduction of the bill S.395 to the upper house by Senator Dominick with ample supporting testimony. The bill was sent to the appropriate committees for recommendation.

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Answer to last coin quiz: When a change is made in the design of the engraving.

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New coin quiz;;; In 1792 Congress of the United States passed legislation establishing the mint and defining the accountability of the United States The dollar was the basic unit. Ten denominations were defined, what were the largest and smallest denominations???????????????



.....CONGRATULATIONS MUSCATINE.....

The Port City Coin Club has announced that it has recently contributed 184 Numismatic reference books to public libraries and school libraries in the Muscatine area, purchased with net proceeds of annual coin shows held each year since about 1959. Those participation in this contribution by their club are the Columbus Junction, L-M, Wilton and Muscatine High Schools, the two Junior High Schools in Muscatine Community School district, and the Columbus Junction, Wapello and West Liberty public libraries. In addition to this, during the last several years donated 200 or more numismatic reference books to the Veterans Hospital at Iowa City and has arranged with club funds for five different numismatic newspapers and magazines to be mailed each month also. The club has also made cash contributions to the Muscatine Junior College building fund, the Muscatine Chamber of Commerce Flag fund, the American Numismatic Association building and Authentication funds and the Lewis Regan Memorial fund. Editor's note: It was enlightening to read such a letter, if more clubs would take note of such a fine deed maybe the numismatic field would be better advertised, besides helping your fellow man in furthering his knowledge in numismatics. Congratulations again Port City Coin Club.

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RERUN ON DOLLAR SALE

The General Services Administration have issued reports that they sold 700,000 of the Carson City dollars at \$30.00 each, and that they have 1.6 million left. They are going to open the bidding again, because the public didn't have a real good opportunity to buy them up during the first bid period.

Bids will be accepted from February 15, 1973 through May 15, 1973 so get ready. If you want one bad enough and you hurry, maybe this is your chance. I think I'll buy pre-1964 proof sets. The General Services Administration said that one person sent in a bid of \$1000.00 for each of the first release coins. Couldn't you buy a lot of re-1964 proof sets with that. WOW!!!!!!

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LAST CHANCE

Today in this restless society where souvenirs are becoming more and more popular we see a lot of commemorative items produced by hundreds of manufacturers. Many of these things are made of silver. Silver prices have been better for the past year and silver coins have enjoyed some price increase. With silver coins being melted and subsequently reducing availability of silver coins for the collector, maybe consideration should be given to holding a few silver coins for trading as profit.

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Here's a late coin show announcement, since the bulletin won't be out in time to get it in next issue I have to put it here and hope no one misses it. WATERLOO, IOWA-APRIL 29th, 11th annual coin show, Waterloo Recreation Center, 225 Cedar Street, Waterloo, Iowa. General Chairman: Glenn E. Smith 2324 Falls Ave., Waterloo, Iowa 50700.

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The Omaha council has agreed to keep the fabulous Byron Reed Coin collection. In its quality and completeness it is third following the Eleasberg collection in Baltimore and the Smithsonian Institution in Washington D.C. There were several well known numismatists who urged the Council to keep the collection for public display. I for one am glad of their decision to retain it. I, and probably a lot of you other serious collectors think it would be a shame to break up such a fine collection and have it scattered all over the World. At least this way we all can look at it and dream what it would be like to own such a collection.

Now it seems that the only problem remaining is to find an exhibition center for it. I think Bebee had a fine idea in trying to attract the American Numismatic Association to Omaha by providing the collection to them on a 1.00 a year lease. To bad it didn't work out.

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IOWA TOKENS AND MEDALS, LISTING CONTINUED

Continuing a listing of Corn Palace tokens from Sioux City as cataloged by Pat Morgan of Sioux City. The Corn Palace started in 1887 and closed in 1891, with tokens and medals issued each year.

1888

- 2-H Alum./holed  
O-Corn Palace/Sept. 24 Oct.6/1888  
R-Woman's head facing right, Sioux City on ribbon across hair.

1889

- 3-A Brass holed  
O-Sioux City/Corn Palace/1889  
R-Corn is King around crossed ears of corn.
- 3-B Brass holed  
O-Corn Palace/Sioux City/1889  
R-Man with crown and torch, no printing.
- 3-C Brass holed  
O-Sioux City/Corn Palace/1889  
R-W.H. Becks Souvenir/\*ear of corn\*/We are the people
- 3-D Brass holed  
O-Corn Palace/Sioux City  
R-Third annual Harvest Festival/ear of corn with Corn is King on ribbon/\*Souvenir\*
- 3-D-1 same as above only silver colored
- 3-D-1A same as above only not holed.
- 3-E Silver holed  
O-Sioux City/Corn Palace/1889  
R-Souvenir/design/Sioux City/1889/wreath of corn ears.

The success of this column is dependent upon the readers who will take the time to contribute a listing of their tokens. Please send a brief description to Phil Chinitz, 511 East Fifth, Atlantic, Iowa, 50022. Do not list those which are included in Lewis Ferguson's book on trade tokens. All others are sought. Please note Ad on the cover of bulletin.

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CLUB MEETING NIGHTS AROUND THE STATE:

MASON CITY-1st & 3rd Mon. at the Pioneer Federal Savings & Loan at 7:30PM  
GRINNELL-2nd Mon. at the Veterans Memorial Bldg. at 7:30PM  
MT. PLEASANT-1st Wed. at the American Legion Hall at 7:30PM  
TRI CITIES, MOLINE, ILL-3rd Thurs. at the Iowa-Ill gas&elect. at Rock Island  
CEDAR RAPIDS-2nd Wed. at the YWCA at 7:30PM  
MARION-1st Tues. at the Farmers State Bank at 7:30pm  
IOWA CITY-3rd Wed. at the 1st National Bank at 7:30pm  
KEOKUK-4th Thurs. at the Washington High School  
BURLINGTON-last Tues. at the Farmers and Merchants Bank  
FORT MADISON-3rd Wed. at the Lee County Bank Bldg.  
INDEPENDENCE-3rd Sat. at the courthouse basement  
PORT CITY, MUSCATINE-4th Tues. at the YMCA  
CLARION-3rd Thurs. at the Iowa Public Service Bldg.

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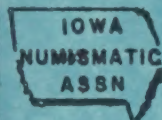
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